



# Chief Constable's Report to the Police Authority



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## Incidents of Note

### West Cumbria

A hate incident took place at Workington Reds Football Ground in October. The match was abandoned after alleged racial abuse against some Reddich players. The investigation led to one person being arrested and charged to court with racially aggravated offences.

Police were called to an address in Allonby following a report of stabbing. The victim was a German national. Initially, a murder enquiry was launched and four foreign nationals were arrested on suspicion of the murder. Post mortem enquires revealed that there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death and all four were therefore released without charge.

Police attended Holmrook after a report that a 44 year old man had discharged 2 rounds from a shotgun into the air following a dispute about a noisy beach party. Armed officers were deployed and a negotiated surrender and arrest was secured. The shotgun was also recovered.

An attempted robbery took place on Poole Road, Workington of a Caspian Kebabs delivery driver. The victim was making a delivery when a man wearing balaclava produced knife and demanded money. No property was taken and the offender made off. The victim suffered no injuries. Enquires are still ongoing.

Following a domestic dispute at Wigton, two people were stabbed with a knife. One of the victims suffered a serious leg injury. Two people were arrested for these offences.

A serious injury fail to stop road traffic accident occurred on Foxhouses Road, Whitehaven. An elderly pedestrian sustained a life-threatening head injury after being struck by a car which failed to stop. The offending driver was later traced when they falsely reported damage being caused to their car by vandalism whilst parked in a car park in Whitehaven. Enquiries are continuing.

### South Cumbria

Barrow Football Club made national press coverage on the 11<sup>th</sup> November during the first round of the FA Cup when a Barrow player punched an opposing Bristol Rovers player in the face causing grievous bodily harm. The incident was shown on the BBC "Match of the Day". Following prompt liaison with the football clubs the matter was swiftly dealt with by Barrow officers resulting in the arrest and charging to Court of the offender.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October, an attempted armed robbery was reported at a bookmakers shop in Windermere. The offender had entered the premises wearing a black balaclava, carrying what was believed to be a firearm. The owner was threatened with the firearm and demands were made to hand over money. The alarm was activated and the offender ran away from the scene empty handed. Gold incident command was initiated and a major search operation followed with ARV crews, dogs and CID. Kendal CID continues to progress enquiries.

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### North Cumbria

CUFC - V - Millwall. An attendance of 8000 saw significant disorder prior to, during and following the game. Approximately 200 known troublemakers from Millwall and Carlisle attempted to engage in disorder but were successfully kept apart by a proactive, high profile police operation. 7 arrests were made. Other football violence has included St Mirren v Hibernian – 4 arrested; Carlisle v Blackpool – 1 arrested; Carlisle v Sunderland – 9 persons arrested. To date 20 banning orders have been applied for as a result of disorder during this season. The individuals concerned will also be banned through the pubwatch scheme.

Lake Ullswater was the scene of a tragic drowning involving three men from the West Midlands. Various rescue services were involved including the Police Diving Team. The men were members of a Karate Club visiting the area. One of them got into difficulties in the lake; others went to assist and 3 drowned. The Constabulary saw extensive national media coverage of the incident.

A man entered a Carlisle jewellery store under the pretence of being a genuine customer. At the first opportunity he snatched a tray of 50 platinum & diamond rings valued at approximately £75,000 and made off on foot pursued by staff. This crime is linked to similar offences in North Wales, Cheshire and North Yorkshire and will be featured on the BBC Crimewatch programme.

Wigton Rd, Carlisle was the scene of an armed robbery of a security van with the suspects brandishing a hand gun. 3 men made off in a stolen car with £50,000. The car was later found abandoned near Dalston Road, Carlisle. The suspects are from Merseyside and are believed to be involved in similar Cash in Transit robberies throughout the North of England.

A stop and subsequent search of a vehicle on London Road, Carlisle revealed a substantial quantity (6kgs) of amphetamine with a street value of £135,000. A Carlisle man was arrested and remanded in Custody.

### Operational Support Department

Following painstaking investigation over a period of 18 months, Operation Aqualine came to fruition with a successful outcome at Court during October. 14 individuals who operated in the Carlisle area received a total of 68 years imprisonment, with the main wholesaler, Brian 'Bimbo' O' Neil receiving a custodial sentence of 12 ½ years. The Operation removed several 'Street Dealers' from the Carlisle drugs scene. This was an excellent result for the Constabulary.



## **Reducing Crime**

### West Cumbria

An Independent Advisory Group consisting of 15 members who are representative of the community has been developed. Two meetings have now been held and both have been well attended. The IAG officials have been elected and feedback from the members has been extremely positive and encouraging.

An implementation group has been set up to look at Police and Partnership issues surrounding racial incidents / crime in the West Cumbria area. The group consists of area senior management and diversity officers. This falls under the guise of Operation Viola and a re-launch of West Area Action Plan on Hate Crime. The group report to the Area Confidence and Equality group.

A police led football initiative involving the local community and the West Cumbria Muslim society is underway. The local Muslim community have now formed their own team and play games against other local teams on a weekly basis. One of the local clubs let them use their premises free of charge and the Muslim group have responded by providing food for the club at awards nights. One or two of the Muslim players are now training with local clubs and a local business has recently provided the group with sponsored football strips.

An anti racism day has been held at Workington Reds AFC. After a racial incident at a local Conference Football match, the club sought advice and assistance in organising an 'anti racism' theme at their following home match. The club received suitable advice and were supplied with posters, badges, leaflets.

A Smartwater property marking initiative has been rolled out in the most vulnerable estates in Maryport and Workington and is soon to be extended to Whitehaven.

The Vehicle Watch Scheme in West Cumbria was introduced following a number of vehicle thefts in Workington and Whitehaven. The scheme was initially introduced in both towns, however, as a result of its success; it has been extended across West Cumbria.

### South Cumbria

Members of the Child and Adult Protection Unit have been active in promoting domestic violence week in November. Officers from the team have been working with response staff, attending scenes of violence and child abuse. The promotion also included work with partners such as the SAFE project and utilisation of the media to get the message out that domestic violence was unacceptable and would be vigorously dealt with. In recent weeks the unit have dealt with incidents such as rape, witness intimidation, sexual assault and taking indecent images of children.

A Barrow man has been charged with grievous bodily harm after he had bitten the ear off his partner. Whilst in custody the partner then detailed three further incidents of violence that the team have investigated, resulting in further charges and the offender is now remanded in prison pending trial.

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The commitment to address and support diversity and hate crime issues continues. Inspector Geoff Steele has been holding hate crime awareness training for some of our partner groups to encourage 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting of these sensitive crimes. This has involved groups such as NHS, Council Workers, and Union representatives receiving an input. From this it is hoped that more incidents of hate crime will be reported and consistent community intelligence gained to address the perpetrators of hate incidents that might otherwise go unreported.

The Barwatch scheme continues to develop throughout the area as a deterrent to alcohol fuelled crime. It has been extended in Ulverston to now cover acts of damage outside licensed premises. This allows offenders now to be banned from the town's pubs and clubs and demonstrates the police and licensees working together to reduce crime and support the community who are affected by mindless vandalism. September saw the first offenders for this go on the Barwatch list and received front-page media coverage that supported the initiative. In Barrow the scheme now incorporates violence used by offenders at the hospital in order to reduce levels of crime towards the night staff in casualty departments.

#### North Cumbria

The Respect campaign features prominently within the CDRPs agenda and a number of initiatives have been progressed in partnership to reduce Crime across the BCU. These include development of Streetsafe where a multi agency team lead by the police delivers advice and reassurance to specific neighbourhoods. Recently 230 houses in Botcherby and 130 in Penrith have been targeted. In addition Smartwater, property marking was rolled out to the 12 schools identified as most vulnerable to Crime; there has been a 77% reduction in offences at these premises compared to last year. Funding has been secured for 4 re-locatable CCTV cameras that will link into the existing scheme in Carlisle and Eden; this will prove a valuable deterrent and investigative tool.



## **Investigating Crime**

### West Cumbria

John Taggart was charged to West Allerdale Magistrates Court following an investigation into Class A drugs supply and money laundering offences. He has been remanded in custody. Seven ounces of heroin were recovered with a street value of £25,000 and £150,000 in cash was confiscated.

An inquiry into sexual offences committed by Keith Ashworth was launched in this quarter. Ashworth committed sexual offences on young children in West Cumbria and had intercourse with an animal. He admitted 12 sex offences against children and animals in court and asked for a further 57 offences to be taken into consideration. The youngest victim was under three years old. Judge Paul Batty QC said to Ashworth "You have admitted a catalogue of grievous crimes against youngsters. A very, very heavy sentence awaits you in respect of these offences. They're about as serious as I have ever seen." Ashworth will be sentenced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2007.

A man has been arrested and charged with arson and burglary. He was in an off licence in Whitehaven when an elderly man entered. The offender decided he was staring at him so he went to the flat where the victim resided and pushed lighted paper through the letter box. In a separate incident he admitted a burglary at the St Nicholas Church, Whitehaven.

Following a series of arson attacks on sheds in Cleator Moor, a man in his forties was arrested and subsequently charged. These offences were detected by PC Robbie Forbes who caught the offender in the act whilst on foot patrol in the early hours of the morning. The offender was not cooperative in detecting the other offences but the crime series has now stopped.

The SSSJ Pilot is now fully implemented in West Cumbria, which essentially ensures that offenders are brought to justice quickly and that justice is more victim and witness driven. The success of the Pilot is a result of all criminal agencies working in partnership. The scheme relies on heavy front-loading by the Police, which has resulted in the need for additional equipment and further staff. Under the Pilot, we now receive a plea at first appearance in 76%-86% of all cases. This results in 63% of SSSJ cases entering a guilty plea and being dealt with at first appearance. Unfortunately these successful results are currently being impeded by the issue of legal aid provision. Although this is in the process of being dealt with nationally, it is severely affecting results as the majority of cases are being adjourned immediately at first hearing.

The use of 'Mosquito' devices throughout the area have had a dramatic impact on anti social behaviour and criminal damage. So much so that many businesses and schools have installed their own devices.

### South Cumbria

The South Cumbria Drug and Pro-active Team continue targeted operations. In October they began to investigate a man that had recently taken up residence in Dalton in Furness. He was suspected of being in possession of controlled drugs and

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his car was the subject of a stop by the team .He was found to be in possession of a quantity of drugs and £4000 cash. Following his arrest and house search, a further 150 LSD tablets were found. The suspect owned another property in Barrow, which was also searched, and here the team discovered 2000 LSD tablets and approximately 1.5kgs of cannabis resin with a combined street value of £15,000. To put the success of this investigation into context, according to NCIS figures up to that time, there had only been 6000 LSD tablets seized this year throughout the whole country. The man is currently on remand in prison and subject of a further investigation into child pornography that was found during the searches.

Thefts of scrap metals have been increasing due to the high resale value of such items. On the 21<sup>st</sup> November a patrolling MSG officer from Kendal had cause to stop a van on the M6 motorway. The van was searched and found to be laden with drums of high value cable. The three occupants were arrested and protracted enquiries by Kendal CID revealed that the cable had been stolen from Motherwell in Scotland and was worth over £10,000. CID officers are making enquiries into similar thefts in the South Cumbria area that may well be connected to these three offenders.

This autumn has seen the conclusion of the fatal stabbing incident on a train that stopped at Oxenholme in Kendal. South Cumbria officers were first on the scene and mounted an extensive policing operation that resulted in the location and arrest of the offender for murder. British Transport Police took over the enquiry and the offender has recently pleaded guilty at Preston Crown Court and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

#### North Cumbria

A Number of investigations into serious crimes have taken place within the BCU some of which have already been detailed. Other examples are:-

Attempted Murder at Denton Holme, Carlisle resulting in 3 victims with serious injuries; 11 suspects have been arrested and investigations are ongoing.

Historical sexual abuse over 30 years; the suspect has been charged with 83 offences and is remanded in Custody awaiting sentence.

Two women were attacked and raped in Carlisle; the offender was sentenced to 10years imprisonment.

Two separate robberies were committed involving elderly victims, one being in his home. In both cases arrests were made and suspects remanded into custody.

The rape of two young girls at Appleby Fair in 2005 has been a protracted investigation but after collaboration with Police in Southern Ireland and publicity on BBC Crimewatch a 17year old boy has been arrested and charged.

The supply of controlled drugs continues to be targeted and has lead to significant seizures which were destined for the streets of North Cumbria. During the last 3 months 7 targeted operations have been conducted which has resulted in a number of both local and criminals from outside the area being arrested and remanded in

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custody. Substantial quantities of Class A drugs, particularly Heroin, Cocaine and Amphetamine have been seized together with large sums of cash. The conviction and sentencing of 14 local drug dealers who received prison terms ranging from a maximum of 12 years had a significant effect on reducing criminality in Carlisle.

#### Operational Support Department

During the reporting period several operations utilising the specialist units within OS have come to a head, resulting in the seizure of controlled drugs (Heroin, Cocaine, Amphetamine, Ecstasy and Diazepam) with a street value of £215,000 and cash seizures to the value of £752,000. Several arrests were made in connection with money laundering activities. In addition a joint operation with another force resulted in drugs seized with a street value of £60,000 and cash to the sum of £25,000.

An investigation has been on going in relation to Institutional Child Abuse and Paedophilia. The enquiry is continuing and possible extradition proceedings are being considered in connection with an historic allegation of rape.



## Promoting Safety

### West Cumbria

For Halloween, 'Do not knock here' posters were produced for elderly and vulnerable people in West Cumbria. These were distributed through police stations and Age Concern Offices. However, such was its success that all 2,000 leaflets were distributed before Halloween. The press are very interested in this initiative with a view to reproducing the leaflet in their publications next year.

Housing Act Injunctions and a Possession Order were granted regarding a caravan causing numerous problems on Town Council Land. A committal warrant was issued against one of the occupants for 2 months in custody for a minor breach of a previous injunction. Three ASBOs were granted against some of the caravan occupants. This is a very short summary of the work carried out recent months involving very difficult cases with some of the orders having been granted under legislation used for the first time in the County. It was achieved through a multi agency working partnership following the setting up of a referral process; the Intervention Panel.

£40k funding was secured from Neighbourhood Renewal Fund to target anti social behaviour involving young people and alcohol as well as Domestic Violence and Violent Crime. This will go towards funding our large scale Respect campaign running over Christmas.

In September, the Cumbria Multi-Cultural Forum supported by the police opened the first drop-in centre in Maryport library to support the large number of Migrant Workers that have moved into the area.

### South Cumbria

South Cumbria has continued to develop and deliver the 'Respect' agenda across all communities within the BCU. Historically this period of the year has seen a rise in anti social behaviour and criminal damage as the Halloween period approached. This autumn every Local Policing Team produced a clear, focused operational campaign to target these problems with enhanced levels of publicity to reassure South Cumbria's residents.

In Barrow Town, Halloween night was one of the busiest nights of the year for youth disorder in 2005. This year Acting Inspector Paul Madden led a multi-agency operation to combat this problem. In the town centre is moored a large boat, the "Princess Selandia" which is used as a night club. The idea was to hold a Halloween disco on the boat for all the town's youths to get them off the streets on this problematic night. The event was funded by the BCU and the local neighbourhood management team. An application was made and granted for a further £500 from the Chief Constables property funds, which enabled the printing of tickets and hiring of youth workers to assist on the night.

Local businesses supplied prizes to add to the appeal, which varied from bowling vouchers to MP3 players. Tickets were distributed from the town's schools, which allowed free entry and soft drink. A grand total of 462 of the town's youths attended a fun packed event that was a huge success. Calls for service to the Police were

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reduced by over 55% compared to 2005 with an immeasurable benefit for the youths and the community.

Anti social use of motor vehicles has been a public concern in the Ulverston and Kendal areas. The LPTs have introduced initiatives to address this issue that have been shared throughout the BCU. Working with SLDC, byelaws have been introduced to keep youths in vehicles off the town's car parks in the evenings, complimenting enforcement and education assisted by MSG and the Special Constabulary. Warning letters highlighting police powers of seizure of vehicles have been sent to offenders and have had a dramatic reduction effect on calls for service.

### North Cumbria

Officers have worked with colleagues in Education to run a Truancy Patrol in Carlisle. Joint Police and Education Welfare patrols found 35 schoolchildren out of school without permission. A number were taken to the designated place of safety at Connexions, Carlisle or returned to school. The anti bullying campaign that has been running in local schools has been fully supported by LPT staff.

During the school half term in October and to coincide with Halloween and Bonfire night, specific patrols involving PCSOs and Special Constables supporting LPT staff were deployed to address a wide range of issues connected with 'Respect' and young people. These included initiatives with trading standards officers targeting licensed premises and fireworks outlets.

### Operational Support Department

Operational Support (OS) continues to play an active role in KSI reduction through partnership working. The Cumbria Road Safety Partnership's Deputy Chair is the Uniformed Operations Superintendent and its membership also includes Area BCU Commanders who in turn chair local multi-agency Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways (CRASH) partnerships. The group includes Fire, Ambulance, Schools & Colleges, Health, Cumbria County Council, Mouchelle Amey, Highways and Cumbria Safety Cameras. Both groups are a mirror image of each other and the BCU Commanders provide the link between the two. District auditors have recently reviewed the partnerships in a positive light.

Through Operation Laburnham, OS continues to target young drivers who are most at risk of being involved in a KSI collision. The operation has been running since early 2005 and although the success in overall casualty reduction cannot be attributed to it alone, there is no doubt it will have played a significant part. Direct comparison of the last 3 fiscal years for the period April to November shows the following: -

Overall Casualty totals from injury collisions involving young drivers between 16 and 25 years have reduced from 760 in 2004, to 607 in 2005 - a drop of 20.1%  
Serious casualty totals have dropped from 110 to 76 - a noteworthy 30.9%% drop.  
Slight casualty totals have dropped from 633 to 508 – a drop of 19.7%.

Unfortunately actual fatalities have increased from 17 in 2004 to 23 in 2006 (35% rise). 2006 is far higher than the 9 in 2005, primarily due to a number of multi-

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occupancy fatalities, which was particularly noticeable during the summer months this year. However, as the number of collisions reduces, then so does the likelihood of fatalities occurring. The Constabulary is not complacent and new initiatives are under consideration, not least those of the Chief Constable, who is promoting the introduction of graduated driving tests at a national level through ACPO.

Multi-agency national operations such as 'Mermaid' (terrorism) continue to be supported.

The Civil Contingencies and Protective Services have been involved in 11 multi-agency major incident exercises, while the CTSA continue to deliver briefings to relevant public services and industry as well as Police officers and Staff. FIB continues to coordinate intelligence in relation to possible terrorist activities, community impact assessments and community safety issues.



## **Providing Assistance**

### West Cumbria

West Cumbria has been recognised in relation to their good performance when dealing with arrest warrants. This year, every warrant has been executed within the protocol timescales. This is attributable to all the operational staff, AIU and the administrator, Christine Gate, who is also the SPOC for the County. She also represents the Constabulary at the National Enforcement Services meetings and provides practical advice/solutions to problems.

### South Cumbria

To capture the huge amount of local knowledge that is in our rural community the COPS officers have been driving forward operation Sandpiper. Originally initiated to prevent and detect thefts of Quad bikes the operation has been maximised by the team and the LPT officers as they have been developing regular contact with the farming community. Throughout the autumn period over 100 farms have been visited and quality time spent in developing links with the farmers to improve police accessibility, intelligence sharing and crime reduction initiatives. Development of 'Farm watch', 'Smart-water' marking of farm equipment and information packs left with the farmers have produced an increase in shared intelligence from the rural network, which is essential in targeting the criminals that utilise our minor road networks to commit crime and avoid detection.

A significant rural crime occurred on the night of the 25<sup>th</sup> October at 0425am. Patrolling officers from Windermere diligently carried out a stop check on a vehicle, but the occupants ran off from the scene. Inside the car was sports clothing valued at £9,000, which enquiries revealed had come from a burglary at a Coniston shop. The property was returned. Enquiries are progressing to locate the vehicles occupants in the Merseyside area.

The Special Constabulary have been actively involved in policing operations in Kendal town throughout October and November. There had been a rise in criminal damage and anti social behaviour in the Kirkbarrow area of Kendal. The town's Specials took on the challenge of this problem making regular commitments to work Saturday nights until 4am to resolve the issues. Their presence and commitment have made a significant improvement to the quality of life for the residents of this area with a sharp decline in reported incidents.

### North Cumbria

The New Custody facility opened at Durranshill, Carlisle with wide ranging publicity and a number of events to raise awareness. These included two celebrity lock ins, one involving Criminal Justice partners and an extremely popular open day where over 500 attended.

### Operational Support Department

The Mobile Support Group and Collision Investigation Unit treated 20 collisions as potentially fatal, of which ten actually resulted in fatalities. The circumstances

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surrounding these varied considerably as did its impact upon the community and the Constabulary. For example:-

Following a single vehicle fatal RTC on A590 at Greenodd involving stolen motor vehicle from Lancashire, the deceased was flung from vehicle as a result of the impact. This was initially unknown to the Police as the driver was uncooperative; later a body was recovered from a river (in spate) by the Underwater Search Unit. Of the two survivors, a man and a pregnant woman, the man was later charged with causing death by dangerous driving, aggravated vehicle taking and making off without payment. He was subsequently remanded in custody. An extensive forensic strategy was subsequently employed to establish who was driving.

Following a fatal collision on the A66 near Appleby involving 5 HGVs, a complex and protracted recovery resulted in the main arterial route being closed for 20 hours. Despite national strategic diversions being implemented in accordance with the Force Action Plan, there was considerable congestion throughout. Several lines of enquiry are being progressed, in conjunction with the Forensic Science Service, to establish the cause of the collision.

In a 5 hours period spanning the late evening/early hours of a day in November there were almost 40 RTCs on the M6 due to hail showers that subsequently froze on the carriageway. One collision involving 10 vehicles resulted in closure of the motorway. MSG resources were exceptionally busy, as was the Communications Centre, due to the increased number of 999 calls and management of the incidents.

Over the reporting period firearms were authorised on 22 occasions. The circumstances surrounding the incidents were varied and required a tailored response. For example:-

A report of two men under the influence of drink on a train polishing a handgun was resolved by a covertly armed ARV crew entering the train at Oxenholme Station. Both men were arrested without causing public alarm. An imitation firearm was recovered.

Following a dispute about a noisy party near Holmrook, a volatile man discharged two rounds into the air from a shotgun. ARV crews placed an armed containment on the premises, while trained negotiators persuaded the man to surrender. The suspect was arrested without incident and a shotgun was recovered.

During the early hours one Saturday morning a Dog Handler tracked and arrested a man who had committed a series of 12 crimes over 4 hour period, including a domestic burglary, theft of a motorcycle and a number of vehicle related crimes in the Flimby area.

During the reporting period, MSG staff have made a total of 317 vehicle seizures under new powers provided by Section 165, Road Traffic Act 1988 and associated Regulations. Seizures are primarily made for no insurance but latterly include driving licence offences. Uninsured drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a collision. In addition there have been 9 vehicle seizures for anti-social motor vehicle use under Section 59, Police Reform Act 2002.

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ANPR continues to develop within Operational Support, particularly over the last half of the reporting period, utilising the full intercept team. The Traffic Intelligence Officer is developing areas for targeting by ANPR. During October, as a result of ANPR activity, there were 15 arrests for a variety of offences, including TWOC, Money Laundering, Handling, Burglary and Disqualified Driving. 19 vehicles were seized under S.165. 140 fixed penalty notices were issued for speeding, seat belt and mobile phone offences (all prime factors in KSI reduction).

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**Awards and Recognition 11.09.06 – 27.11.06**

**Jane's Police Review – Student Officer of the Year 2006**

Constable 1867 Prom Gurung (Carlisle) won this prestigious national Award in November following his selection earlier in the year as Cumbria's Probationer of the Year 2006.

**Chief Constable's Certificates of Commendation**

Constable 1808 Brown  
Constable 1017 Hampson  
Constable 1772 Karle

In recognition of their swift and decisive actions to bring a distressing situation, involving a lady who had cut her wrists, under control at a house in Cockermouth.

Detective Constable 145 Bradley  
Detective Inspector 905 Johnson  
Detective Sergeant 8 Smith

In recognition of the complex issues associated with Operation Photo (details restricted)

**Assistant Chief Constable (Operations) Certificates of Merit**

Sergeant 1322 Charge

In recognition of his prompt and effective actions in preventing a man from jumping into the dock at Whitehaven in July 2006. Sergeant Charge used his communication skills and physical strength to prevent the man from jumping over the edge, who would have sustained serious or fatal injuries had he not intervened.

Detective Inspector G Huddleston  
Detective Sergeant 886 Marshall  
Constable 1304 Rigg  
Detective Constable 985 Wallace

In recognition of their contribution to a murder investigation into the violent death of a woman in Barrow in Furness in May 2005. This was a difficult and sensitive investigation which was subject of worthy praise at Preston Crown Court in February 2006, where the offender received an indeterminate life sentence.

Constable 1788 Crawford  
Constable 1669 Rogac

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In recognition for their professionalism and courage on 21.10.06 following a fatality at Allonby.

Detective Constable 1408 Cooper  
Mrs Joanne Woof

In recognition of close attention to duty within the Security and Intelligence Branch  
(details restricted)

Constable 1728 Hamblin

In recognition of his initiative, commitment and bravery in preventing a man from committing suicide at Brougham Castle, Penrith on 5.10.06.

**Assistant Chief Constable (Operations) Letter of Appreciation**

Mr Anthony Quinn

In recognition of the assistance he provided at a house fire which occurred in Barrow in Furness on 05.03.06.

**Assistant Chief Constable (Organisational Development & Partnership)  
Certificates of Merit**

Mrs Jacqui Airey  
Mr Derek Armstrong  
Miss Allyson Beverley  
Mrs Nicola Blamire  
Mrs Audrey Chapman  
Miss Claire Curry  
Mrs Jean Dixon  
Sergeant 443 Forster  
Miss Gillian Gainford  
Mrs Liz Gannon  
Mrs Christine Gate  
Sergeant 930 Gorman  
Miss Allyson Holden  
Miss Karen Jardine  
Ms Natalie Kidd  
Mr Paul Kirby  
Miss Caroline Lloyd  
Miss Lorna McKenzie  
Mrs Joanne McMinn  
Mrs Christine McNicholas

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Mrs Teresa Moore  
Miss Rachel Mossom  
Mrs Brenda Nevins  
Mr Ray Newbury  
Mrs Suzanne Parsley  
Mrs Julie Pattinson  
Mrs Barbara Richardson  
Miss Emma Southward  
Mrs Sheila Taylor  
Mr Joe Tunstall  
Mrs Alethea Wallace  
Mrs Janice Yoxall

In recognition of their commitment and enthusiasm towards making the national Simple Summary Speedy Justice Pilot scheme a success.

### **British Transport Police Commendations**

Constable 136 Foy  
Constable 359 Doran  
Constable 47 Frood

All received BTP Commendations on 11.09.06 in recognition of their outstanding professionalism in dealing with the investigation that followed the death of four railway workers near Tebay, Cumbria in February 2004.

### **Court Commendations**

Detective Sergeant 558 Edgar  
Detective Sergeant 32 Haywood  
Detective Constable 428 Cullen  
Detective Constable 1002 Allison

All received Court Commendations from His Honour Judge Batty QC on 28.09.06, following a case at Carlisle Crown Court on 13.10.05.